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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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IN RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 606X)/CSX
Transportation, Inc. Abandonment Exemption in
Allegheny County

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please be advised that this office represents the Borough of Millvale. I am in receipt of a copy of correspondence from CSX Transportation of June 12, 2006, indicating that CSX Transportation is requesting an extension of the negotiation period, which is an extension in and of itself, as they have been unable to finalize negotiations with the City of Pittsburgh or Borough of Millvale, and desires to continue to negotiate. On behalf of the Borough of Millvale, there is no record of any contact by CSX within the past two years. Further, it is the Borough's understanding that there is similar lack of contact with the City of Pittsburgh or the County of Allegheny. Therefore, the Borough of Millvale respectfully requests that CSX be denied any extension, so that the interim use trail/rail banking can commence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Witherel, Solicitor
Borough of Millvale

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